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pactly, its padded bulk would shrink to that of one of Emerson's longer essays." Yet he thinks that Christian Science "has been promoter of much good;" and proceeds (on pages 92 and 93) to specify certain benefits which have resulted or may result from its teaching. It must be admitted, however, that a system which, as the author himself shows, rests upon thoroughly unsound principles can in the long run scarcely be promotive of good. From the standpoint of diction and of accuracy of expression this little book leaves a good deal to be desired.

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THE UNITY OF RELIGIONS. Edited by J. Harman Randall, D.D., and J. Gardner Smith. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

This is a collection of popular addresses in exposition of various forms of religious belief and practice; originally delivered "before an adult class in 'Applied Christianity,' held in connection with the Bible School of the Mount Morris Baptist Church (New York City) during the winter of 1909-10." The speakers represented such widely separated standpoints as that of the Hebrew, the Orthodox Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Evangelical; and it would seem as though the resultant impression left upon the minds of those who attended this course of lectures must have been that of the diversity rather than of the "unity" of religions.

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THE WORLD A SPIRITUAL SYSTEM. By James H. Snowden, D.D., LL.D. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1910.

As is indicated by its sub-title, this book sets forth an outline of metaphysics; but its scope extends even further than this, and includes a presentation of certain of the evidences of religion. The author's philosophical standpoint is that of the Idealist; his religious standpoint that of the Christ and the Christian. The mode of presentation is popular; a fact which may be responsible for a certain lack of scientific rigor in the form of statement; but the book is both clearly and persuasively written. As an introduction both to philosophy and to Christian apologetics, this volume is likely to prove distinctly helpful.